

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 21, 2006 has been carefully reviewed. Applicants request reconsideration of this application in light of the remarks presented herein.

§103 REJECTIONS

Claims 56-59, 61 and 124 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,645,594 to Devanathan et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,165,220 to McKellop et al. Applicants have cancelled claims 56-59, 61, and 124 as well as withdrawn claims 62 and 63 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these cancelled claims in future continuation applications. In view of the cancellation of these claims, Applicants assert that the present rejection is now moot.

ALLOWED SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner allowed claims 49-50, 52, and 55. Applicants request that withdrawn claims 53 and 54, depending from allowed claim 49, be reinstated.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants are submitting herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) citing a reference uncovered during prosecution of an application of related subject matter. As noted in the Supplemental IDS, this reference was not known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental IDS.

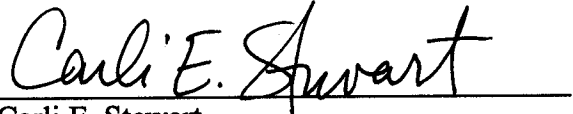
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is in a condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 265280-68002.

Respectfully submitted,

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